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SUBJ: US EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT- KIWAITI REACTION

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL A, I HAD TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT TO MEET
WITH GOK FINMIN ATEEQI LATE MORNING JUNE 12 TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. ARRANGEMENTS MADE THROUGH FAISAL JAFFAR,
ATEEQI'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND SON OF KUWAITI AMBASSADOR-DE-
SIGNATE TO U.S., KHALID JAFFER.

2. WHEN I CALLED THIS MORNING TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT, JAFFAR
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SAID MINISTER HAD ASKED HIM TO INFORM ME THAT " HE WAS NOT

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT UU AID FOR EGYPT--HE KNEW ABOUT
OUR MEGER EFFORTS. HE WAS INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT U.S.

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D TO ISRAEL--WHICH HE KNEW WAS IMPRESSIVE." I TOLD JAFFAR
I WOULD RELAY TO WASHINGTON THE MINISTER'S COMMENTS.

3. BOTH JAFFAR AND I AGREED THAT USG SHOULD NOT ATTACH TOO MUCH
IMPORTANCE TO MINISTER'S BLUNT STATEMENT (HE IS WELL KNOWN
FOR DIRECT TALK), BUT I MADE CLEAR MY CONCERN REGARDING THE
MINISTER'S APPARENT LACK INTAREST IN RECEIVING USG VIEWS ON
SUCH AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT. JAFFAR SPECULATED THAT ATEEQI'S
PIQUE IN LARGE PART DUE TO FRONT-PAGE PHOTO COVERAGE THIS MORNING
IN ALL LOCAL DAILIES OF RABIN'S "WARM WELCOME" TO WASHINGTON.

4. IN VIEW ABOVE (AND CAIRO 5802-JUST RECEIVED), I PLAN TO TAKE
NO FURTHER ACTION TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH GOK OFFICIALS UNLESS
DEPARTMENT WISHES ME TO RAISE ISSUE AND ATEEQI REACTION WITH
CROWN PRINCE OR FOREIGN MINISTER.
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